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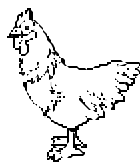
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was mixed but overall steady at best. Demand into retail and food service was disappointing to fair, slightly better where ads and promotions were effective. Supplies of smaller sizes were adequate to fully sufficient, but heavier weights were in a longer position and often discounted to spark interest. In the parts structure, trading was mixed with best movement where features were active. Breast items were irregular, with some areas reporting boneless skinless in a better balance, but available and others stated offerings fully sufficient to ample. Wings and dark meat was at least adequate and discounted. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range. The 12-CITY Weighted Average Price for 02/19/02 was 55.63, compared to 56.11 last week, and 57.21 a year ago.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 62.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.75 cents last year on February 21, 2001. Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

DOCK PRICE

(CENTS PER POUND)

ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	179.00
BREASTS - B/S	123.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	61.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	85.50
LEG QUARTERS	26.00
WINGS	82.00

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand into retail and food service was mostly slow to fair, instances moderate where features and promotions were active. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle needs. In the parts structure, dark meat was more available and lacked strength due in part to difficulties within export business. Breast items were more balanced but still available, and wings were at least adequate and slowly moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was noted as light and unaggressive and typical of midweek trading. Offerings of the 3.5 pound and larger birds were available and the 3 pound and lighter sizes were at least adequate. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally slow. The market tone was barely steady on 3.5 to 4 pound sizes, no better than steady on the balance. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts ranged adequate to better balanced. Bone-in breasts were sufficient. Leg quarters were fully adequate. Wings were ample and discounted.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Additional offerings of whole birds and Wogs were sufficient for heavy sizes and adequate on lighter weight product. Trade interest for the most part was insignificant. Movement into all channels was disappointing and mostly slow, occasionally fair if promotions or retail features present. Inventories were in a manageable position with some players curtailing regular commitments to keep current. Weights were desirable to heavy. Trading on parts items was selective with limited trade interest. Supplies were available with leg quarters, wings and boneless/skinless breasts fully adequate and discounted to stimulate interest. The market tone was barely steady, undertone weak on wings and boneless/skinless breasts: weak on leg quarters and about steady on all other items.

WESTERN The market tone was about steady. Offerings of lightweight whole body product in fair balance with current needs and confidently held, however weights generally over 4 pounds ample with discounts offered. Demand was fairly good overall best to cover features on parts and whole body. Floor stocks were adequate overall. Trade sentiment was mixed on parts.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 02/16/02	2002	2001	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	187,608	181,711	+03
CHICKS PLACED	148,311	141,289	+05
19 STATES			
EGGS SET	209,848	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	166,892	-	-

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 188 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 16, 2002. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 5 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 148 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 16, 2002. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through February 16, 2002 were 1.04 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Four Additional States in Weekly Program

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 16, 2002. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 16, 2002.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 30-Mar-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 152.3 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 151.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 152.3 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 152.0 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.20 CENTS PER POUND.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	822	102.00-175.00	110-115	113.87
TENDERLOINS	151	110.00-190.00	110	125.89
BREAST - LINE RUN	144	58.00-64.00	58-61	61.00
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	89	36.00-46.00	36-38	37.01
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	401	21.00-27.00	21-23	22.31
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,146	23.50-29.00	25-26	25.64
WINGS (WHOLE)	331	68.00-84.00	80-82	81.99
WINGS (CUT)	426	86.00-94.00	87-89	88.74
DRUMSTICKS	69	46.00-50.00	-	46.52
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 20, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
40.00 - 45.50	41.91	41.73

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was noted as mostly fair and typical of midweek trading. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts ranged adequate to better balanced. Bone-in breasts were at least sufficient. Leg quarters had increased in availability and dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings remained ample and discounted. Movement through retail channels was noted as fairly good as active features spurred additional refill demand. Distributive draw was generally fair to no better than moderate. The market tone was barely steady to weak on wings, barely steady on leg quarters and about steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	110-115	115.04	447,320
TENDERLOINS	105	107.76	113,280
BREAST - WITH RIBS	55-56	63.30	175,840
BREAST - LINE RUN	55	56.39	126,640
LEGS	38-39	41.47	188,020
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	24.93	343,635
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	39.50	126,900
THIGHS	28-29	35.71	88,020
B/S THIGHS	85-86	84.57	98,440
WINGS (WHOLE)	71-72	80.18	318,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.89	41,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	20.28	11,660
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	39.11	26,000

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG	ACTUAL		AVG
			WTS			WTS		
	02/20	02/19	02/18	02/15	02/18 02/15	02/13	02/11	
ALA	3,926	3,847	3,396	3,735	5.03 4.77	3,753	5.08	
ARK	5,349	5,363	5,176	4,852	5.07 4.71	4,898	5.02	
DELMARVA	2,332	2,106	1,792	2,198	5.25 5.10	2,292	5.17	
KY-LA-TN	1,869	1,935	1,975	1,915	4.55 4.49	1,957	4.56	
MISS	2,774	2,779	2,813	2,944	5.35 5.10	2,460	5.24	
NC	2,640	2,693	2,210	2,491	6.06 5.86	2,448	6.03	
TEXAS	2,396	2,400	2,262	2,664	4.83 4.86	2,400	4.98	
TOTAL	21,286	21,123	19,624	20,799	5.15 4.95	20,208	5.15	
MON-WED	62,522 (A)					62,089 (A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Feb 02 and is estimated to be 31,846,000 up 5.02 percent from a week ago and up 7.6 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,324,000; last year 29,592,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	86-88
ROASTERS 4# & UP	85-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	75
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	95-102
	ICE PACK	93-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	113
	ICE PACK	104-113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	94-98
DUCKS		152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING FEB 23-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	02/23/02 (1)	02/16/02
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	156,661 (2)	158,875
LT HENS	2,035	1,873
HVY HENS	1,388	1,228
CHECK TOTAL	160,084	161,976

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 23-Feb-02 is 157.7 million head compared to 149.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.0 million head or 0.7 million less than estimated available. For week of 02-Mar-02 the estimated available is 158.1 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 18-Feb-02	131,197	72,814
AM 1-Feb-02	112,107	69,729
CHG	19,090	3,085
PCT CHG	17	4

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	02/18/02	02/11/02	02/19/01	02/18/02	02/11/02	02/19/01
PACIFIC						
COAST	6,941	6,944	4,257	3,613	3,705	5,752
LOS						
ANGELES	106	111	113	2,203	2,258	2,179

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18, 2002

	RANGE	
	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)
HENS	58-60	60-69

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 2/19/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb..401.50	.95	HEAVY FOWL ea.	- - -
LIGHT FOWL lb1.001.451.17	LIGHT FOWL ea.	- - -	-
MIXED FOWL lb..901.401.06	MIXED FOWL ea.	-5.00	-
BANTAMS lb. - -	-BANTAMS ea.	3.005.50	-
BROILERS lb. .60 .85	.77BROILERS ea.	- - -	-
ROASTERS lb. - .75	-ROASTERS ea.	- - -	-
FRYERS lb. - -	-FRYERS ea.	- - -	-
CHICKS lb. - -	-CHICKS ea.	.15 .40	-
PULLETS lb. - -	-PULLETS ea.	- - -	-
BUNNIES lb. - -	-BUNNIES ea.	3.504.25	-
ROOSTERS lb.1.202.001.40	ROOSTERS ea.	5.757.00	-
GEESSE lb. 1.001.20 1.06	GEESSE ea.	- - -	-
TURKEYS lb. .70 .80	.73TURKEYS ea	16.0020.00	-
DUCKS lb. .902.00 1.49	DUCKS ea.	-9.50	-
RABBITS lb. 1.001.65 1.44	RABBITS ea.	-3.25	-
PIGEONS lb. - -	-PIGEONS ea.	2.505.75	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.- -	-GUINEA FOWL ea.	5.006.75	-
DUCKLINGS lb. - -	-DUCKLINGS ea.	- - -	-
GUINEA KEETS ea. - -	- CALL DUCKS ea.-	- - -	-
SILKIES lb. - -	-SILKIES ea.	2.003.00	-
GOSLINGS ea. - -	-GUINEA PIGS ea.	- - -	-

TOTAL COOPS 138

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending February 15, 2002

	Whole		Legs		Necks, Backs		Livers/	
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards	Hens		
RAYON								
Low	47.12	130.33	80.20	20.05	20.05	45.11		
High	62.16	140.35	90.23	25.06	25.06	45.11		
Mostly	56.64	130.33	80.20	20.05	25.06	45.11		
SAN JUAN								
Low	45.11	115.29	65.16	22.56	12.53	40.10		
High	52.63	125.31	80.20	27.57	17.54	40.10		
Mostly	50.13	122.81	75.19	25.06	15.04	40.10		
NEW SAN JUAN								
Low	46.62	130.33	80.20	20.05	20.05	45.11		
High	61.65	140.35	90.23	25.06	25.06	45.11		
Mostly	57.14	130.33	80.20	20.05	25.06	45.11		
BECERRA								
Low	46.12	115.29	65.16	25.06	15.04	42.61		
High	52.13	130.33	80.20	35.09	17.54	42.61		
Mostly	49.62	125.31	77.70	30.08	16.54	42.61		

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was slow. Offerings were full adequate to ample and were more readily available on the heavier sizes which were discounted in some instances to stimulate buy interest. Live supplies were seasonally moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 50 to 64 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Boneless skinless breasts and tenders were in closer balance but remained fully sufficient. Leg quarters were readily available. Wings and drums were irregularly balanced.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA/		BRANDED
		U.S. GRADE A
RANGE		45-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		52.26
NO. OF BOXES		9,450

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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